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November 17, 1916.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont

My dear Governor Mead;

I am very glad to have your good letter of November 16th and am much pleased that you think so favorably of getting out a little book on the chapel. If you will send the material you have collected to me Professor Wright and I will go over it as soon as possible and block out a plan of the material, but of course we will submit it to you before preparation of the manuscript. I have spoken with him about it and he is very willing to help all he can, and is as much pleased with your thought as I am.

I think we ought to take sufficient time to consider the various portions of the material very carefully. Professor Wright is at work at odd moments now in preparation of the ~~catalogue~~ and I have several appointments in the near future, but we can give some time to it at once and I should suppose that in the Christmas vacation we could bring the manuscript to completion.

In addition to the material of which I wrote you there are a number of articles from the Rutland Herald and from a number of other Vermont papers, including the Herald's account of the first ringing of the chimes, which I should think would be very nice to include. Doubtless you have more of this material than I, but I have kept what I could in a scrap book.

The little book of which I wrote you was to be only a bound manuscript, not a printed volume. I thought you might still value it as being unique and prepared especially for you. It will be sent to you as soon as it comes from the binder.

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We will have plenty of time to consider the question of where the book shall be printed. I am glad you have in mind the quality of the work, and there should certainly be some illustrations, including the interior as well as the exterior of the chapel.

One can never tell in what manner such a publication will influence others. It may put a suggestion in some one's mind which will bear fruit only after many years. I have often thought that perhaps I should give more attention to the issuing of reports and bulletins setting forth the needs and possibilities of development of the college. We have made such progress that I fear some have the idea that we have attained our growth, which is of course far from the case. Our accommodations for girls are crowded to the limit and we cannot receive a larger number unless we can provide for them, as we have not found boarding in the village satisfactory. We also need a new arrangement of our administrative offices in the old chapel, as they are now scattered very inconveniently, and I fear this would necessitate another recitation building, preferably for History and Political Science. I want we should at least discuss these matters thoroughly at the trustee meeting in New York January 26th, since there is no telling what possible benefactor some one of the trustees may be able to influence.

Again let me thank you for your kind and helpful suggestion and your kind remembrances to my family. With cordial regards to Mrs. Mead and yourself, I am

Faithfully yours,